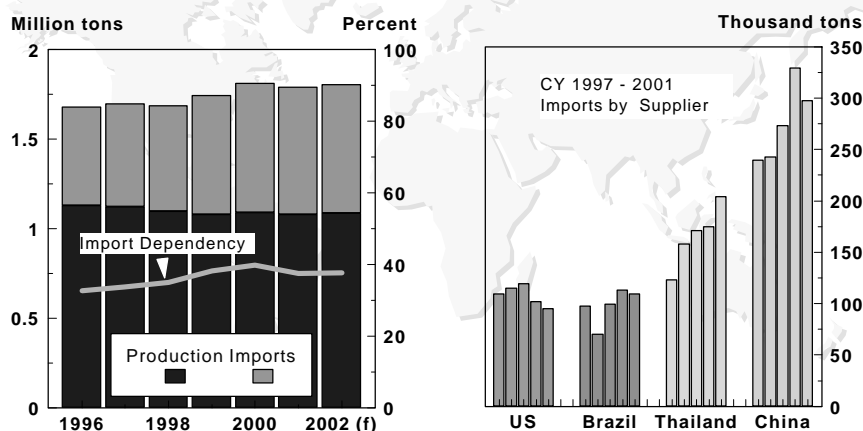


Japan's Broiler Situation

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001 (p)	2002 (f)
(1,000 tons ready to cook equivalent)							
Production	1,130	1,124	1,097	1,078	1,091	1,080	1,085
Imports	613	575	590	667	721	710	720
Consumption	1,736	1,718	1,697	1,742	1,788	1,795	1,799
Exports	3	3	3	4	3	3	3

Japan's Broiler Imports Remain Steady; Competition Stiffens Among Suppliers



Japan's broiler imports in 2002 are forecast at 720,000 tons, up slightly from the previous year. Broiler imports from Brazil and Thailand are projected to increase in 2002 due mainly to competitive prices. Japan temporarily banned poultry imports from China in 2001 following the detection of Avian Influenza, causing imports from China to decrease 10 percent from the 2000 level. Japan's broiler imports from China in 2002 will depend on the extent of China's ability to control animal diseases and meet quarantine standards. Broiler consumption in Japan is not expected to increase due to tightened consumer spending caused by the weak economy. In 2001, U.S. broiler exports to Japan, the fourth largest market for the United States, were valued at \$132 million.